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BYSIEWICZ: WHITNUM QUALIFIES FOR BALLOT IN 4TH CD DEM RACE

SECRETARY OF THE STATE SAYS CHALLENGER HAS ENOUGH SIGNATURES TO
TAKE ON PARTY ENDORSED CANDIDATE JIM HIMES

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz announced today that Congressional candidate Lee Whitnum, has the signatures required to qualify for a spot on the August 12th Democratic primary ballot against endorsed party candidate Jim Himes.

“Lee Whitnum has collected enough signatures of registered Democrats in the 4th Congressional District to force a primary,” said Bysiewicz. “In just 55 days Democrats in Fairfield County will head to the polls to choose their nominee.”

Under Connecticut law, there are three ways to qualify for the ballot of a party primary. A candidate can either win the endorsement of their party convention for the seat, or secure the minimal support of 15% of the convention delegates to qualify for the primary. Failing that, a candidate can collect a minimum of 2% of the enrolled members of their party in the voting district in order to get on the ballot for the primary.

Himes was endorsed by the 4th Congressional District Democratic Convention on May 12th. Whitnum did not attend the convention and did not receive any delegates at the convention.

This will be the first primary in the 4th Congressional district since 1987, when a special election was held to fill the vacancy created by the death of Representative Stewart B. McKinney.

Currently there are 130,246 registered Democrats in the 4th Congressional District.